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SUBJECT: PANDA CONSULTANTS AND CONTINENTAL MACHINERY SERVICE (S. DIMONT)

REF: LONDON'S T-10058 AND PRIOR; OEA/CD CASE 26(77)-2

- 1. OEA/CD APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY'S THOROUGHNESS IN ALL ASPECTS OF SUBJECT.
- 2. ALTHOUGH NEGATIVE RESULTS PERTAINING TO INVESTIGATION OF DIMONT AND HIS FIRM, AS OUTLINED IN EMBASSY'S T-0386O, AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF HELLING WOULD NORMALLY PROMPT OEA/CD TO TERMINATE INVESTIGATION, PRIOR ENCOUNTERS WITH DIMONT AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HELLING PRECLUDE SUCH ACTION.
- 3. OEA/CD BELIEVES HELLING AND HIS FIRM ACTED ON IN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STRUCTIONS FROM DIMONT TO PURCHASE COCOM CONTROLLED COMMODITIES FOR PROSCRIBED DESTINATIONS.

4. ACCORDING TO WTDR INFORMATION, WILFRED H. FRASER, IS LISTED AS A DIRECTOR AND MINORITY SHARE HOLDER OF

PANDA CONSULTANTS. ALTHOUGH FRASER HAS NOT BEEN HERE-

TOFORE MENTIONED IN THE INVESTIGATION, OEA/CD REQUESTS EMBASSY, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO INTERVIEW FRASER AND ASSESS HIS KNOWLEDGEABILITY OF HELLING'S DEALINGS WITH DIMONT, ET AL. IF EMBASSY CANDIDLY INFORMS FRASER OF USG SUSPICIONS RELATIVE TO HELLING'S ACTIVITIES, WHICH REFLECT ON PANDA CONSULTANTS, FRASER MAY POSSIBLY ALLOW EMBASSY OFFICER ACCESS TO HELLING'S RECORDS WHICH MAY PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION PERTAINING TO HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH DIMONT, CHRISTOPHER

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